



## November

### Calendar

- 7 & 21 Village Board Mtg.
- 1 & 22 Planning Bd. Mtg.
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- 9 Zoning Board
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- 16 Visual Environ. Bd.
- 24 & 25 Thanksgiving

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## The Croton Housing Network and Symphony Knoll

The Croton Housing Network (CHN), a not-for-profit organization since 1990, was initially organized as the Croton Housing Task Force in the mid-80's with the support of then-Mayor Roland Bogardus. Formed as an interfaith project, its mission was to address the issue of affordable housing in Croton. As a not-for-profit corporation, CHN is the private part of a public/private partnership with the Village of Croton to provide affordable housing opportunities in the Village.

With the support of the Village, CHN has been able to provide 24 units of affordable housing since that time. The Village government has worked with CHN in a variety of ways for each of the several projects—sometimes providing land, sometimes providing the conditions of approval that required it, sometimes providing the initial financing allowing a project to move ahead. CHN has also worked with private developers such as Spectrum/Skanska at Discovery Cove and Wilder/Balter at Westwind in financing and designing the specific units of housing being provided.

The units themselves represent a variety of housing including single family homes, privately owned townhouses, multi-unit rental buildings, condo rentals and a private house with a rental unit.

The CHN tries to address specific, identified housing needs with each type of housing opportunity—families of village and school district employees, seniors, or people with another strong Croton connection such as a close relative living here. In the case of the most recent opportunity at Discovery Cove, over 15 seniors met the income and Croton-related criteria for the four available

units. Many of those who did not win in the lottery for the Discovery Cove condos remain on the list for the next available senior housing opportunities.

Currently CHN and the Village are working on providing an additional housing opportunity for seniors with a new housing proposal. Named Symphony Knoll for the music school operated there by the previous owner of the site, Lavina McClure, it is located on Mt. Airy Road next to the Mount Airy Woods rental housing. Eleven one-bedroom units of senior housing are proposed. A 55-year old age limit will be required for a resident of each apartment. As currently envisioned, three apartments would be large enough for a couple and eleven would be single occupants.

The Village has helped this project along by providing the initial purchase price to secure the property and by working with CHN to successfully get the overall funding for the project. The Mt. Airy Woods site of over 8 acres is owned by CHN. To comply with zoning, 3-plus undeveloped acres of the site will be combined with the McClure property to provide a 4-acre site for the Symphony Knoll proposal. This will involve several steps at the end of which the Village will sell the entire Symphony Knoll site to Westchester County. This sale will include the initial purchase costs and any investments made to the property since then allowing the Village to recoup its money. After the land transfer steps take place, CHN will seek site plan approval from the Planning Board for design and construction approval. The Village Board anticipates declaring itself to be Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project sometime in late fall 2005.

## Fall Leaf Collection

**Loose leaves:** Croton's DPW will vacuum up loose leaves beginning at the end of October. Leaves should be raked to the curb but not into the street. Vacuuming will continue in November and December. The weekly schedule will be posted on the Village website each week. (<http://village.croton-on-hudson.ny.us/Home/>)

Beginning Nov. 28th, the DPW will begin the final loose leaf cleanup going street by street. Once your street is cleaned of loose leaves after Nov. 28th, it will not be vacuumed again. Any loose leaves must be bagged.



**Bagged leaves:** The DPW will conduct bagged leaf pick-ups on alternate weeks during the months of Nov., Dec., and Jan. (if necessary) on the schedule below. **Leaves must be packed into biodegradable bags only. Leaves in plastic bags, trash cans and boxes will not be picked up. Leaves will not be picked up with the garbage.**

### North of Maple Street (Route 129)

Week of    Oct. 30th  
              Nov. 13th and 27th  
              Dec. 11th  
              Jan. 1st (if necessary)

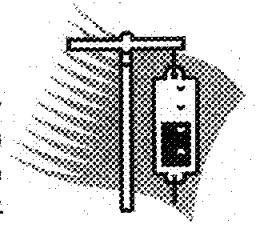
### South of Maple Street (Route 129)

Week of    Nov. 6th and 20th  
              Dec. 4th and 18th  
              Jan. 11th (if necessary)

There will be no bagged leaf pick-up the week of December 25 to 30, 2005.

Up to 15 biodegradable leaf bags may be picked up at the DPW Garage on Mon.-Fri. from 9-2. Proof of residency may be required. Additional bags may be purchased at Home Depot, BJ's, hardware stores and supermarkets.

## Annual Blood Drive



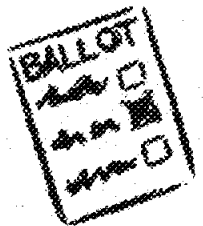
Croton's annual blood drive is scheduled to be held on Sunday, Dec. 4th at C.E.T. elementary school from 9am to 3pm. Donors must be at least 17 years old, 110 lbs., not yet 76, and in good health. Appointments are essential. Volunteers are also needed. For appointments, information or to help, call Carol Shanesy, 271-7645, Rosalind Morrissey, 271-8449, or Natalie Rotkoff, 737-6165.

Please make time for this in your schedule as the blood donations benefit Croton residents.

## November Polling Locations

Election Day is November 8th. Croton's 7 Election Districts will vote at the following locations:

District 6    at Washington Engine Firehouse.  
District 7    at Municipal Building.  
District 8    at Grand St. Firehouse.  
District 9    at Municipal Building.  
District 10   at Harmon Engine Firehouse  
District 25   at Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
District 31   at Sky View Haven Nursing home.



Polls are open from 6am to 9 pm.

## November Senior Events

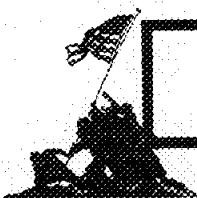
A holiday shopping trip to Danbury Mall on Thurs., Nov. 17th and a trip to The Log Cabin for a Victorian Feast on Tues., Nov. 29th are among the activities planned for Croton's Seniors Club in November. The Victorian Feast includes luncheon with a Victorian period holiday performance.

Also, on Fri., Nov. 18th the Film Festival will be showing "Dancing at Lughansa". Movies begin at 1:45 in the Community Room. Admission is free but advance registration is required. Free popcorn and soda are available! For information on all of these events, call Yvonne Beldotti, on M/W/F at 271-5804.

### Reminder!

The Village Offices will be closed on Friday, November 11  
for Veterans Day and

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.



## Spotlight on Janine King

Eight years ago, in 1997, Janine King started as a part time employee in the Village office to handle NYS-mandated requirements for municipal records management. In the years that followed, Janine took on more responsibilities for specific projects including working on the development of the Village's website and preparation of materials for grant applications. In June 2004, Janine became Ass't. to the Village Manager after passing the Civil Service exam for that position. In her current position, Janine has responsibilities that, in addition to her prior jobs, include preparing Village Board agendas and resolutions, maintaining the website information, SEQRA documenta-

tion, talking and corresponding with residents, supporting the Village Manager and the Village's many boards and committees, and follow-through for special permit applications in front of the Village Board. She also acts as the secretary to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The project Janine has been involved with that she is proudest of is the development of the scope of the Village's website. She is hopeful that the email subscriber list will continue to grow so more residents can automatically receive information. Website information includes recreation programs, schedules, emergencies, general information, agendas, minutes and special events.

After growing up in the In-

wood section of Manhattan, Janine attended the Bronx HS of Science, graduated from Barnard College and received her MBA from the University of Chicago. While working for Chase Manhattan in London, she met her husband, Stephen. They lived in both London and NYC before moving to Croton in 1989. Their boys, Greg, 17, and Eric, 15, attend Croton schools. Her free time is spent following high school soccer and tennis games with her sons. Looking at colleges is also on the family schedule right now. She and Stephen also enjoy going to the city for dinner and theater.



*"I love living where I live. It's a great community with great people and problems. It's a challenge to help my community."*

Janine King

### Croton Takes Over New Road

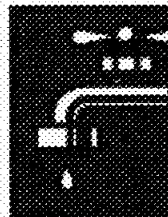
The Village of Croton has entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Westchester County which will transfer ownership of the new 2-way road that connects Croton Point Ave. with the Discovery Cove/Half Moon Bay condominium development.

The road will provide a southern entrance/exit from the 276-unit complex which is currently served by only one entrance at its north end over the Half Moon Bay bridge. A previously existing County-owned narrow and unfinished road was widened and paved through a partnership between the developer - WCI/ Spectrum Communities, LLC, Metro North and the County. As part of the Discovery Cove site plan requirements, a pedestrian and bicycle trail has also been constructed along the length of the new road. This pathway connects to both Croton Point to the south and Elliott Way and Croton Landing to the north.

The Village will now assume responsibility for maintaining the road and the bicycle and walking trail.

The pathway is in use now and the new road will open in the near future with the final acceptance of the metes and bounds information for the County.

### Changes to Water Billing Cycle

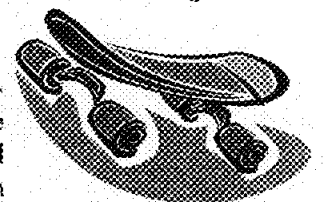


A change to the Village's water billing cycle will be implemented in December of this year. All water bills for the entire Village will now be sent out twice a year on December 15th and June 15th. They are due 30 days from the billing date.

This change in the billing times means that, for the first billing period only, half of the village will be billed for seven months and half will be billed for five months. After that everyone will be billed for six months.

### Skatepark Hours

During the month of November, the skatepark will be open only on weekends and holidays from 11 am to 5 pm subject to weather and staffing. There will be no open hours in December.



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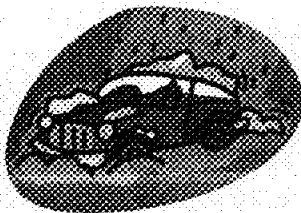
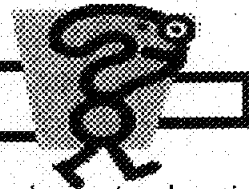
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## Got a Question?



**During the winter my family has no place to park our cars as we have no driveway or garage. The buildings in my neighborhood were built when off-**

**street parking was not needed or required. Since the Village requires us to remove our cars from the street when it snows, what can I do?**

The Village prohibits on-street parking when snow accumulates to 2 inches or more in order to properly plow the streets. When cars remain on the streets, the plows must swerve around them leaving them blocked in by snow and preventing the street from being completely cleared of snow. However, in recognition of the fact that Croton has some residences with no off-street parking, a special hardship permit, known as a "Seasonal Overnight Street Parking Permit" is available. These permits are intended only for

residents who have no alternative location for their car such as a driveway or a garage. Off-street parking space is defined as a garage, carport, or driveway or other available parking area. Where there is none available at all, a resident may obtain up to 2 free permits. If there is one such space available, a resident may obtain one free permit but each additional permit will be \$100. If 2 or more off-street parking spaces are available, each seasonal parking permit will be \$100.

Over the years seasonal parking permits have been issued for residents who use their garages for storage space or who have off-street parking space for only one car but own more than one vehicle. Although there has been no charge for the permit in recent years, there previously was a \$75 fee for such permits. The reimposition of a fee is intended to discourage the application for such permits and to reduce the number of cars on the streets when the DPW staff needs to plow.